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Dear Parents & Students

As you are hopefully aware, this term we have launched our new academy ethos based on STAR. As a community, students and staff have been involved in developing a new, more visual version of the Westbourne Way. We have asked our staff and students to be more mindful of the way they are perceived by others and to think more deeply about their actions and interactions. The principles of STAR are equally relevant at home, at work or at school and there has already been a noticeable, pleasing improvement. Over the page you can find a compilation of the four STAR posters that are visible around the academy.



Earlier this month, ten headteachers from our multi-academy Trust completed a routine, two-day review of the academy. They visited lessons, met with students and staff and scrutinised documents and workbooks. I am pleased to say that they found many strengths at the academy and I look forward to sharing these with you in the New Year.

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 19 December



As an academy community, we will be supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day once again on the above date. In exchange for a £1 donation, which will be collected at the entrance gates in the morning, students are invited to come to school wearing a festive themed top or jumper. Students are still expected to wear their academy trousers and shoes but if they are wearing a festive jumper or top they do not need to wear their uniform shirt/tie, jumper or jacket. Students do not have to join in and anybody who chooses not to wear a festive jumper, should please wear their regulation uniform as normal. Our ambition this year is to raise a minimum of £500 in support of Save the Children which would be a fantastic achievement.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 19 December

As a prelude to the Christmas holidays, a two-course traditional roast turkey Christmas lunch will be on offer in the Food Hall on the above date. The vegetarian alternative is a Caramelised Mature Cheddar Cheese Tart. Students will need £2.20 in their cashless catering accounts in order to purchase the meal. Students who are eligible for a Free School Meal will of course be able to purchase the meal in the usual way. The usual daily menu will be on offer at morning break **only** for those students who would prefer not to have the Christmas lunch. No other food will be served at lunchtime. For catering and logistics purposes, we will be asking parents to let us know if their child is having the Christmas lunch in advance. A text message will be sent to the priority 1 contact.

Year 7 Santa Dash – Wednesday 19 December

During lesson 5, Mr Hawkes has arranged for Year 7 students to take part in a two mile Santa Dash around the sports field. The monies raised will go towards buying ex-student and trainee paediatric nurse, Koren Harper, with protective equipment for her placement in a Philippines hospital in February 2019. Details of how to donate to your child's House collection page are listed on the Diary Page of our website.

End of Term Assembly – Friday 21 December

On the above date, we will be holding our customary whole school assembly in the sports hall at 12.10pm. At 11.50am the bell will ring and students will go back to their tutor bases before proceeding to assembly with their form tutors. Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 1.00pm approximately; there will be no after school clubs on the last day of term. Food will only be available at morning break; there will be no lunch time food service on the last day of term. Students will have lessons 1 and 2 as usual, morning break will be at 10.30am, lesson 3 will start at 10.50am and tutor time will move to 11.50am.

First Day Back – Monday 7 January 2019

Staff and students will return to the academy on the above date for the spring term. This is week 2 of timetables. The timings for the first day back will change slightly. At 8.25am, students should report to their tutor bases where they will be given a new Standards Cards. Lesson 1 will begin at 8.50am and lesson 2 at 9.50am; break, lunch and the rest of the day will be as normal.

If you are booking a holiday for the spring or summer, please first check our term dates which are listed over the page. The last two PD days for this academic year are Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 July 2019.

House Charities

The generosity shown by parents, friends, family, students and staff when it comes to supporting the academy's fundraising efforts is always hugely appreciated. The final sum raised at the cake sale in September in support of MacMillan Cancer Support was £435.

As part of their ongoing support for BLISS, Ennis are once again collecting goods such as small teddy bears, magazines, toys and sweets to deliver to the Ipswich neonatal unit as gesture of goodwill for those parents in hospital over the festive period with their premature babies.

Nightingale are showing their care and goodwill towards others less fortunate than themselves by collecting small gifts and groceries for making up into Christmas parcels for the elderly in our community, the homeless and families living at the Lighthouse. In previous years, the recipients of the Christmas parcels were very appreciative and overwhelmed by this gesture. Mrs Blanch is seeking donations of women's and children's clothing, toys and household items to give to the Lighthouse charity to help them set-up women and children in their own homes.

Ramsey are once again seeking sponsorship for St Elizabeth Hospice and a troupe of hardy staff lead by Mr Payne will be submerging themselves into the icy waters off Felixstowe beach on Christmas Day morning. Sponsorship is welcome and details of how to do this will be provided in due course. After school next Wednesday, if you are in town, you will see Mr Payne and his Ramsey prefects outside Marks and Spencer's, jangling their collection buckets in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.

Churchill will be hosting another popular karaoke disco evening for students this week to raise funds for their chosen charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Calendar Dates

Below are some key dates for your diary for next term.

Thursday 17 January	Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 25 January	Kittle Photography Catch-up (for new starters)
Wednesday 16 – Friday 18 January	Year 9 Progress Review Exams (PREs) P1-4
Tuesday 29 January	Year 9/10 Transition Info Evening/Exhibition
Thursday 7 February	Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening
Monday 18 February	Half Term Week until Friday 22 February inclusive
Monday 25 February	Year 11 Progress Review Exams Week (PREs) Round 2
Monday 26 February	Y8 Girls/Y9 Girls Catch-up HPV Vacc (9.00am – 1.00pm)
Monday 4 March	Alterego County Lines Theatre Play (Year 7 and Year 10)
Thursday 14 March	Year 9 Pathway Evening
Wednesday 27 March	Grease the Musical (Opening Night)
Thursday 28 March	Grease the Musical (Middle Night)

Friday 29 March
 Friday 29 March
 Friday 5 April
 Tuesday 23 April

Grease the Musical (Final Night)
 Y11 Panoramic Photo (Lesson 5)
 Last day of Spring Term 2019
 First day back for Summer Term 2019

Local Academy Committee

It is with regret that I have accepted Sue Cowans resignation as Acting Chair of the Local Academy Committee (LAC). Sue has been a stalwart supporter of the academy over the last 5 years and her advice, expertise and experience has proven invaluable to me and to previous headteachers of Westbourne. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue on behalf of our parents, students, staff and the Trust for her unstinting commitment and hard work over the years. I will update you with the new arrangements for the Local Academy Committee in January.

On behalf of the Trust, the staff and the governing body, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term. We wish you and your family a peaceful Christmas and a joyful 2019.

Yours sincerely



G Trott
 Principal

Term Dates & PD Days 2018/19

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- School Holidays
- Staff Training (Non-Pupil Days)
 (Tue 4 & Wed 5 Sep, Mon 29 Oct, Mon 22 & Tue 23 Jul)
- Bank Holidays UK



Keep your passwords private
BE SAFE

Use the one way system at busy times
BE SAFE

Move through the school in a calm and orderly way
BE SAFE

Always report any bullying to a member of staff
BE SAFE

Ask for help if you need it
BE SAFE

Follow staff instructions - they are there to protect you
BE SAFE



Challenge yourself to only say kind things
BE THOUGHTFUL

Smile at people
BE THOUGHTFUL

Tell someone how much you appreciate them
BE THOUGHTFUL

Offer to help someone who is struggling
BE THOUGHTFUL

Compliment people
BE THOUGHTFUL

Recognise other people's strengths and praise them
BE THOUGHTFUL



Aim for 100% attendance
BE ACCOUNTABLE

Wear the correct uniform
BE ACCOUNTABLE

Take responsibility for your actions
BE ACCOUNTABLE

Apologise if you upset someone
BE ACCOUNTABLE

Ask your teacher how you can improve your work and follow their advice
BE ACCOUNTABLE

Hand your home learning in on time
BE ACCOUNTABLE

Be on time to all your lessons
BE ACCOUNTABLE



Hold the door open for others
BE RESPECTFUL

Listen carefully to what others have to say
BE RESPECTFUL

Say please and thank you
BE RESPECTFUL

Use the bins for litter
BE RESPECTFUL

Value other people's opinions and learn from them
BE RESPECTFUL

Treat others as you would want to be treated
BE RESPECTFUL